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Salisbury Plains
Box 202
Stewartstown, PA 17363

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Part of Salisbury Plains

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Norrisville Road

CITY, TOWN

Norrisville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

first

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H. Billingslea

Telephone #: 692-6905

STREET & NUMBER

Box 202

CITY, TOWN

Stewartstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

PA 17363

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE, Harford County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 987

Folio #: 87

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7/15/10

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This five bay, two story home is located in Norrisville very close to the state line. The house presently faces north and consists of two units. The first unit, on the east, is three bays long; the other unit is two bays.

The house is covered with asbestos shingles on the north facade and the west facade. Clapboard covers the east wall and the second elevation of the south facade. The first elevation of the south facade has been exposed to reveal log beams. The gable flank roof is covered with tin. It has a box cornice. A corbeled brick chimney is located between the two units. Both units are built into a slope with the rubblestone foundations visible on the south facade. These entrances consist of beaded board and batten door, each one is pegged. Entrances on this facade's first elevation are onto a one story shed roof porch which runs the length of the house.

Doors on the north facade are fairly new and are located directly opposite from the doors on the south. Windows are six lights over six and have louvered shutters.

The ground elevation of the east unit consists of one large room with large stone cooking fireplace on its west wall. This has an iron crane in it, scored with "x's" to form a decorative pattern. Wood beams are visible in the ceiling. Walls are plastered. The door on the south facade has iron strap hinges. A winding stair is located in the northwest corner next to the fireplace. The first elevation and second elevation are broken up into many small rooms. At the attic level there are pegged beams. The attic room is well lit, having two 2/2 windows flanking a center 4/8 window.

The western two bay unit also has a room on the ground floor. This has a dirt floor and log beams are visible on the ceiling. Iron strap hinges are on the diagonal pieced door. This room was probably always used for food and other storage. It has no stairway leading to the upper levels of the unit. The first elevation of this unit is a modern kitchen. The east wall has been stripped to reveal the log beam construction of the house. An enclosed stairway is located on the west wall. The second elevation had originally been cut off from the second elevation of the east unit. There had been no passageway on the second elevation until the present owners cut one through.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The eastern, three bay unit of this house appears to be the older of the two. Built into the side of a hill, it originally faced south, probably to take advantage of the prevailing westerly winds in Summer and of the heat furnished by the Winter sun. Houses built on side hill sites had the added advantage of an upper and lower ground level, the upper of which was not taxed as a separate story. The kitchen is on the ground level.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1783 Maryland Tax List	Wright, C. Milton; <u>Our Harford</u>
1798 Federal Tax List	<u>Heritage</u> , French Bray Press,
1814 Maryland Tax List	Baltimore, 1967.
Preston, Walter W; <u>History of Harford County</u>	Harford Directory, 1953.
Press of the Sun Book Office, Baltimore, 1901.	

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 94 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property is bordered by Rt. 23 (Norrisville Road) on the east and the property of Richard Strickland on the west and north.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	DATE
<u>Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian</u>	<u>April, 1978</u>
ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE
<u>Historic District Commission</u>	<u>838-6000, ext. 207</u>
STREET & NUMBER	STATE
<u>102 South Hickory Avenue</u>	<u>Maryland 21014</u>
CITY OR TOWN	
<u>Bel Air</u>	

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Title Search
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Leonard H. Billingslea

HDC	987	87	11/28/1975	Grantor: Zero, Incorporated Grantee: Leonard Hanlon Billingslea and Judith C. Billingslea, his wife Acreage: 94 acres more or less "Salis- bury Plains" and "Fair View"
GPG	759	485	10/25/1967	Grantor: Zero, Incorporated Grantee: John J. Billingslea and Leonard Hanlon Billingslea Acreage: "Salisbury Plains" and "Fair View" Buildings
GRG	759	487	10/25/1967	Grantor: John J. Billingslea and Leonard Hanlon Billingslea Grantee: Zero, Incorporated Acreage: "Salisbury Plains" and "Fair View" Buildings
GRG	742	556	5/24/1967	Grantor: Edna R. Smith, et al, executors under the Last Will and Testament of James T. Smith Grantee: John J. Billingslea Acreage: "Salisbury Plains" and "Fair View"
TLA	28	486	12/8/1965	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of James T. Smith Grantee: Edna R. Smith, Francis G. Smith, G. Frank McConnell, Alvin Hyson and Albert P. Close, executors
GRG	310	183	10/28/1947	Grantor: John S. Cress and Betty Cress, his wife Grantee: James T. Smith Acreage: "Salisbury Plains" and "Fair View" 94 acres more or less
GRG	304	309	4/3/1947	Grantor: Roy E. Perry Grantee: John S. Cress and Betty Cress, his wife Acreage: Buildings 94 acres more or less "Salisbury Plains" and "Fair View"
GCB	299	32	8/23/1946	Grantor: D. Ross Anderson and wife Grantee: Roy E. Perry and Leah S. Perry, his wife

				Acreage:	94 acres more or less "Salisbury Plains" and "Fair View"
335	275	189	7/30/1942	Grantor:	Austin C. McDonald, et al
				Grantee:	D. Ross Anderson
				Acreage:	94 acres more or less "Salisbury Plains" and "Fair View"
			2/17/1936	Grantor:	Last Will and Testament of Thomas B. McDonald
				Grantee:	Addie F. McDonald, his widow Thomas K. McDonald, Austin C. and Russell S. McDonald, his children
JAR	130	87	3/17/1910	Grantor:	J. Wiley Norris and Robert R. Norris
				Grantee:	Thomas B. McDonald
JAR	160	126	5/18/1918	Grantor:	Mary A. Garrett, et al
				Grantee:	Thomas B. McDonald
				Acreage:	"Salisbury Plains" and "Fair View"
WSP	104	182	2/12/1902	Grantor:	Richard M. Garrett
				Grantee:	Mary A. Garrett, et al
				Acreage:	"Salisbury Plains" 12 acres more or less
ALJ	71	65	4/7/1892	Grantor:	Mathias Barten Schlager and wife
				Grantee:	Richard N. Garrett
				Acreage:	"Salisbury Plains" 12 acres more or less
ALJ	58	321	4/26/1861	Grantor:	Samuel Stubbins
				Grantee:	David Wiley
				Acreage:	12 acres more or less "Salisbury Plains" buildings
W3	12	259	4/26/1861	Grantor:	Samuel Stubbins
				Grantee:	David Wiley
				Acreage:	"Salisbury Plains" 12 acres more or less
W3	10	277	10/22/1853	Grantor:	Joseph M. Duncan
				Grantee:	Samuel Stubbins
				Acreage:	"Salisbury Plains"
HD	30	311	10/2/1944	Grantor:	James Duncan
				Grantee:	Joseph Duncan
				Acreage:	"Salisbury Plains" 18 acres more or less
HD	30	312	5/17/1831	Grantor:	David Wallace
				Grantee:	James Duncan
				Acreage:	119 acres more or less

HD	11	107	2/27/1822	Grantor: James Duncan Grantee: David Wallace Acreage: "Salisbury Plains"
HD	3	487	10/13/1816	Grantor: Thomas Ayers Grantee: James Duncan Acreage: 119 acres more or less "Salisbury Plains"

WST	93	102	2/21/1829	Grantor: Stevenson A. Williams, trustee Grantee: J. Wiley Norris and Robert B. Norris Acreage: 50 acres more or less
ALJ	1	229	2/9/1851	Grantor: Elizabeth Norris et al Grantee: Rachel Stubbins Acreage: 25 acres more or less
ALJ	1	232	12/8/1851	Grantor: Jane Norris and Ellen Norris Grantee: Samuel Stubbins and Rachel Stubbins Grantor: The Last Will and Testament of Vincent Norris Grantee: His 4 Daughters: Elizabeth, Jane, Ellen and Rachel
HD	R	270	4/5/1804	Grantor: Aquila Hall Grantee: Vincent Norris Acreage: "Fair View"

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

John & Leonard Billingslea Farmhouse

AND/OR HISTORIC:

Billingslea-Norris House

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

Lane enters west of Md. 23 about 0.6 mi north of

CITY OR TOWN:

Norrisville

Church Lane ~~Harford~~

STATE

Maryland

CODE

COUNTY:

Harford

CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
(Check One)District ☐Building ☒Public ☐☐Site ☐Structure ☐Private ☐☐Object ☐Both ☐☐

OWNERSHIP

Public Acquisition: ☐In Process ☐Being Considered ☐

STATUS

Occupied ☒Unoccupied ☐Preservation work
in progress ☐ACCESSIBLE
TO THE PUBLICYes: ☐Restricted ☐Unrestricted ☐No: ☐

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural ☐Government ☐Park ☐Transportation ☐Comments ☐Commercial ☐Industrial ☐Private Residence ☒Other (Specify) ☐Educational ☐Military ☐Religious ☐Entertainment ☐Museum ☐Scientific ☐

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

John & Leonard Billingslea

STREET AND NUMBER:

Norrisville

CITY OR TOWN:

White Hall RFD

STATE:

Md 21161

CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER:

HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN:

BEL AIR

STATE

MARYLAND

CODE

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

STATE:

COUNTY:

FOR NPS USE ONLY
ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

A frame house, clapboard covered with asphalt shingles over that ~~on~~ the north side of the house. ~~Unlike~~ The farm house sits back from the road and is sheltered on the south by several maple trees. 5 bays by 2, 2 stories high ~~with~~ over a stone basement floor on the south, there is a cooking fire place in the west end of the basement. Facing north, the roof ridge line runs east-west. The ^{slate} roof has narrow eaves and no trim. A chimney rises from an interior wall to the peak about $\frac{2}{5}$ of the distance from the west end wall. Owners say the joists are log. Window frames are pegged.

Two farm buildings are noteworthy. The timbered barn, L shaped, is very large, with board and batten cover. The mow, are lighted with 2 palladian windows high in the gable end of either end wall of the main section. And a the roof is of slate.

B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

early?

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐lasaphy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This well-kept farmhouse ^{stone} on foundations
 about ~~200~~ 200 years old is of undetermined
 age.

→ A wind mill is located on the north ridge of
 the slope described ~~above~~ above. It
 fills a water tank, just northwest of the
 house.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Martinet's Map of Harford County of 1878 shows this as ~~one of two~~ ~~Daniel's~~ ~~history~~ ~~houses in~~ ~~Blowville~~ belonging to John Norris.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:		
ORGANIZATION:	DATE:	
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

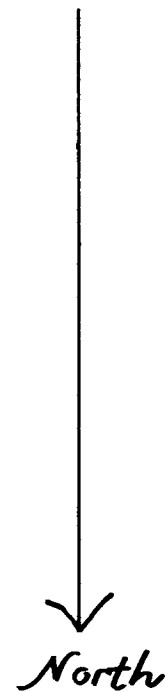
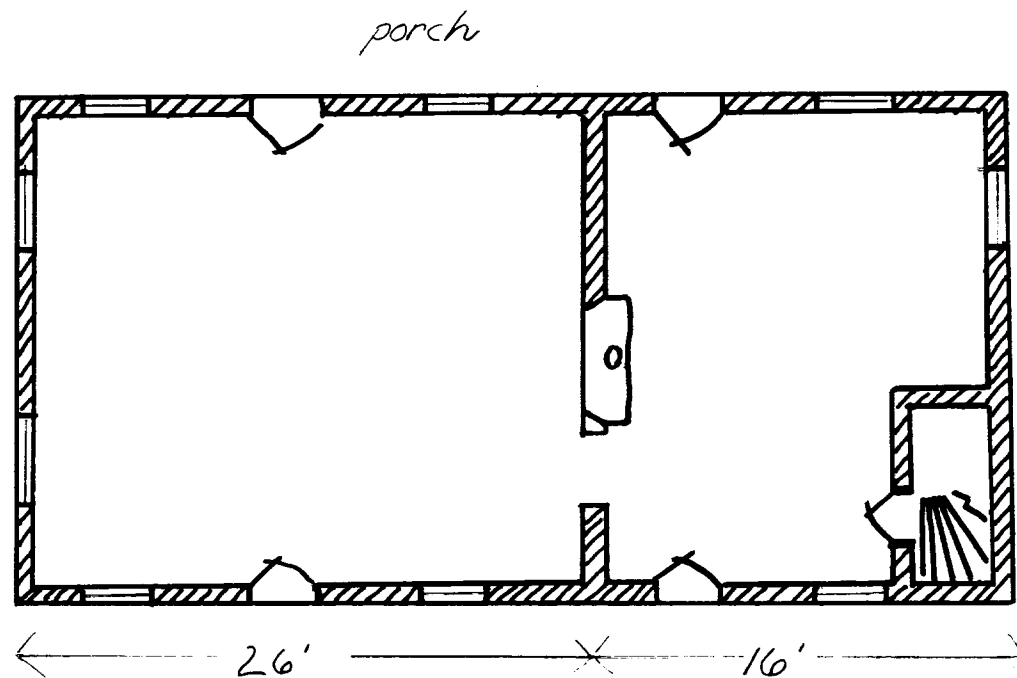
Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Salisbury Plains







Log House on Salisbury Plains HA-1010

Norrisville, MD

Susan M. Deeney

April, 1978

North